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Syllabification: di·rect

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/dɪ'rekt/

## Definition of *direct* in English:

### adjective

1 Extending or moving from one place to another by the shortest way without changing direction or stopping: *there was no direct flight that day*

More example sentences

- Unfortunately, sharing a liability with some other African tourist destinations, there is no direct flight to Khartoum.
- You can fly directly to Palma from both Glasgow and Edinburgh with Globespan until the end of this month, and direct flights are available throughout the year.
- The minister for transport is using this occasion to invite Arab and other foreign airlines to resume direct flight to Iraq.
- Mr. Staunton said the introduction of direct flights from Birmingham to Knock were bringing in daily golfers to Enniscrone.
- The service is reverting to the direct route between the town centre and Kirkwall Airport and the diversion across the Heathery Loan will be discontinued.
- But with direct and cheap flights to all manner of more 'civilised' countries, I am sure they will not be stuck.
- Strand Travel is offering a direct flight to Istanbul and many of Chris Doran's own family are booked on the plane which leaves from Dublin.
- PC Braine, who used to be stationed at Pewsey, attempted to wade along the river to reach the woman, but decided it would be quicker to find a more direct route.
- When the savings aren't enough, you can always book first class, direct flights, or whatever you prefer.
- Committee members will hear at the meeting that this is the only option that allows the cycle track to follow a direct, safe route at a low enough gradient to make it easy to cycle along it.
- However, from November 1, the airline will offer direct nonstop flights from Malé to Heathrow on Mondays and Fridays.
- How could this service be a threat to the viability of a large Laundromat in an area over 5km away from our estate and not on a direct bus route?
- Once considered too far off the main flight paths for budget travellers, Ryanair now offers cheap direct flights from Britain.
- The island has seen a tourist boom in recent years, following the introduction of direct flights from Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands.
- Mr Mason compared that to the 70 or 80 trains that he estimated went through the village every day on a direct route between York and Leeds.
- On an earlier expedition they had failed to discover the fabled and elusive Northwest Passage that would provide a direct route from Europe to the Orient.
- We have reduced the level of warning in our travel advice for Pakistan; and direct British Airways flights there resumed last December.

- Rail campaigners are renewing calls for Bradford's two stations to be linked and for better direct rail routes to other English cities.
- The completion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed project will provide an alternative shorter direct route to Mumbai.
- Since the flight was a direct one to Dublin, the question seemed oddly unsettling some 30,000 feet above the Irish Sea.

#### Synonyms

**straight**, [undeviating](#), unswerving;

[shortest](#), [quickest](#)

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**nonstop**, unbroken, uninterrupted, [through](#)

[View synonyms](#)

1.1 *Astronomy & Astrology* (Of [apparent planetary](#) motion) [proceeding](#) from west to east [in accord with actual](#) motion.

#### Example sentences

- It is also accelerating, since it has maximum retrograde motion near inferior conjunction and maximum direct motion near superior conjunction.
- Assuming planets are in direct motion, aspects are cast by swifter planets and received by slower ones.
- Both planets were direct in motion; Mars was moving slowly and Venus was moving swiftly.
- Remember Mercury normally speeds through a sign in than three weeks when its motion is direct.
- At all other times the two motions will combine to produce direct motion.

2 Without [intervening](#) factors or [intermediaries](#): *the [complications](#) are a direct result of [bacteria](#) spreading*

#### More example sentences

- Such a structural change in the initiation complex can result from direct contacts between the transcription factor and RNA polymerase.
- An inquest in Southampton heard that the former ship's fitter died of a lung disease caused as a direct result of contact with asbestos.
- A lot of the things that you'll see in Chill Factor were a direct result of my efforts.
- But at the same time, there was a renewed interest in Early Christian art, resulting from direct contacts with Rome.
- Contact dermatitis results from direct contact with one of many irritants or allergens.
- So far nearly all human cases of avian flu have resulted from direct contact with infected birds.
- That finally resulted in a direct intervention by Foreign Secretary Jack Straw which led to Ian's liberty.
- And then of course, someone said that it was a direct result of Divine intervention that he turned himself in.
- It does mean, though, that interviewers need to be sensitive to the dangers to which victims may be exposed as a direct result of the interviewer's presence.
- New research by a leading expert in the field has included deaths in which MRSA and other superbugs are a factor rather than the direct cause.
- Iran has, through intermediaries and in direct talks with the Americans, made clear what it is, and is not, willing to do.

- Against Italy, their display as a pairing was very poor, and as these positions effectively control the game, a direct factor in the overall display.
- Much the most effective way of securing the intervention of the ruler was by direct personal contact, and this was achieved through his household or court.
- Roundtable participants identified several areas where there is a more direct link between facilities and productivity.
- An exploration of a more direct link between recombination and generation of coding repeats is underway.
- They are committed to developing a more direct link between the tech team and the worship planning process.
- In circle, we have the most direct contact with the Gods, and with the Divine within ourselves.
- However, those with the most direct contact with the camper may be in the best position to assess readiness.
- He believed that, if not checked, China would extend its direct influence over the whole of South-East Asia.
- The second reason I worry is that the dynamism of a closer link with the United States would extend far beyond the direct trade benefits.

### Synonyms

[face to face](#), [personal](#), immediate, [firsthand](#)

[View synonyms](#)

2.1 (Of light or heat) [proceeding](#) from a source without being reflected or blocked: *ferns like a bright position out of direct [sunlight](#)*

More example sentences

- Shades on the south side block unwanted direct sunlight while reflecting light onto the ceiling of the interior.
- You can even choose a prismatic block to deliberately direct light onto a light coloured ceiling where it is softly diffused around the room.
- But it is important not to overheat the casualty so do not apply a hot-water bottle or other source of direct heat.
- Using these calibrated isotropic light detectors both direct light and reflected light could be measured.
- The quality of light is not determined solely by the sources of direct light.
- Keep away from sources of heat (including direct sunlight, radiators, lamps and television sets).
- The surfaces that will reflect the direct light and at the same time won't produce a glare are recommended here.
- Recall that the model was lit by large diffusers to simulate north light - not direct sunlight.
- Keep away from sources of ignition and direct sunlight.
- They need light but avoid direct sunlight, as they may get scorched.
- Store in an amber coloured glass bottle away from direct heat or sunlight, and use within two months.
- No freezing corners, icy lofts, or windswept landings and one simple direct heat source.
- They can grow 12 inches high and 6 inches wide, prefer bright light but not direct sunlight.
- In some galleries, diffused light is supplemented with direct daylight.
- It is animated by light - direct sunlight creates a glow.
- You can pick the tomatoes before the birds or squirrels get to them and let them ripen in bright light, not direct sunlight.
- This form would block direct sunlight coming from south of the east-west axis.

- Also, do not store the balls in direct sunlight or near a heat or light source.
- Storage at average room temperature away from direct heat or direct sunlight is best.
- All medications should be stored away from heat and direct sunlight.

2.2(Of [genealogy](#)) [proceeding](#) in [continuous succession](#) from parent to child.

Example sentences

- The research has shown a clear genetic relationship amongst Cohanim and their direct lineage from a common ancestor.
- Although she gets reborn in a Caribbean setting, there is no direct lineage convincingly established for her.
- Why should the genetic relatedness effect be stronger for direct lineages than it is for peripheral lineages?
- Heaven doesn't want me because I'm in the direct bloodline of a vampire who dealt with the devil.
- Both were direct progeny of that parent, and one of these inbreds had additional backcrossing to that parent in its pedigree.
- You never feel totally fine around a clan that isn't a direct descendant or ancestor of your clan, but the intensity varies.
- He answers that Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi was a direct descendant of the head of Bait Hillel and continued in his ways.
- A direct descendant of Henry VII, Viscount Mountgarret was Eton and Sandhurst educated and a former captain in the Irish Guards.
- I have been successful in tracing the Cooper family line back to the 1780s, but so far cannot find any of Mark Cooper's direct descendants.
- The race today also looked likely to feature a direct descendant of each horse.
- That would make him a direct descendant of Robert II - though I suspect this is unprovable.
- They are direct descendants of the original people who lived on the land.
- He claims he's a direct descendant of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone, and if you saw him shoot, you might believe him.
- She was the last direct descendant to own the house before Stenton was given to the city of Philadelphia in 1909.
- Henry Cecil was a direct descendant of the English statesman, William Cecil, Lord Burghley.
- The granddaughter and last direct descendant of the late Greek tycoon is also the inadvertent inheritor of a tragic family history.
- Her mother was a direct descendant of George Washington's brother Samuel.
- She was born in the Peddie region and is a direct descendant of the British 1820 settlers who colonised the Eastern Cape.
- But more importantly, you are the last direct descendant of the Jester's piper son, Nathaniel.
- He is probably related to - a direct descendant of, possibly - Hans Christian Andersen.

2.3(Of a [quotation](#)) taken from someone's words without being changed.

Example sentences

- The AP story limited direct quotation from the Clinton book to only 180 words.
- Fromkin uses footnotes to identify direct quotations rather than to support historical argument.
- This ends our direct quotation from Fisher's thesis, and his description of his machine.
- There is a more serious question that arises from a book that relies so heavily on direct quotations.
- Participant's direct quotations were included to illustrate themes in this pilot study.

- The couples' thoughts are interspersed throughout the book in the form of direct quotations.
- Viewers gain a wealth of information about Wright and hear some of his direct quotations.
- He cites not a single work, nor is there any direct quotation.
- A correspondent rightly faults me for not giving the direct quotation.
- A final document of themes, categories, and direct quotations was sent to each of us for validation.
- The fact is, the standards for direct quotation in print media are scandalously low, and should be reformed.
- However, the text contains few direct quotations or thoughts from Douglas herself.
- This is a direct quotation from the President of the Royal Society of London, the Australian, who I gather was made a Lord the other day.
- Here's a direct quotation from the written statement he issued this week.
- There is the direct quotation from them in paragraph 15 (albeit followed by the words of the new rule).
- A quick check established that this was the case with all of the references given in the book, even for direct quotations.
- The articles incorporated substantial sections of the Minute both in direct quotation and in paraphrase.
- I haven't been able to come up with a direct quotation, so I thought I better ask you directly.
- This is followed by a more detailed treatment that includes both synthesis and direct quotations.
- Except at the end of the last movement, he avoids direct quotation.

#### Synonyms

**verbatim**, [word for word](#), [to the letter](#), faithful, [exact](#), precise, accurate, correct

[View synonyms](#)

2.4(Of [taxation](#)) [levied](#) on income or profits rather than on goods or services.

#### Example sentences

- Thus the adoption of true free trade involves the abolition of all indirect taxation of whatever kind, and the resort to direct taxation for all public revenues.
- In addition, the government had been able to reduce direct taxation and pay off part of the national debt from the proceeds of privatization.

2.5 [Complete](#) (used for emphasis): *[nonviolence](#) is the direct [opposite](#) of [compulsion](#)*

#### More example sentences

- In direct contrast to the style of the women sitting opposite me, Dobbin's decor looks like it had been designed by Jackie Healy-Rae.
- Huntington's innings had been in direct contrast.
- In direct contrast, feminist accounts have pushed Shajara into the limelight at the cost of the events themselves.
- Late modern society has privileged freedom over security, in direct contrast to the social values and structures of high modernity.
- I also think that the mayor is in direct contrast to the president.
- This is, after all, the direct opposite of consumption.
- In direct contrast to this shape, it is easy to initially bypass the heavy mantelpiece placed high on the wall near the entrance.
- I am not so much against fun - although I suppose I kind of am - as I am the direct opposite of fun.
- Welsh's background is almost the direct opposite of McCall Smith's.

- In this vein they have made the quest for life, the universe and anything the main story thread which is in direct contrast to the original work.
- In direct contrast to a year before, holly berries were almost completely absent now, possibly because of the wet season.
- Yet their fictional lives are placed in direct contrast with their shabby and poor surroundings.
- This was in direct contrast to when the cold war was at its height.
- They are in direct contrast with each other, absolutely, and I am astounded by that.
- In direct contrast to most of the gigs I go to, this one was all seated.
- It was a direct contrast to the browns and blacks of the peat moors above.
- In direct contrast to most major cities, in La Paz, the poor have the best view.
- But in direct contrast to this point the laid-back attitude is an awfully good antidote to stress - in theory.
- The humour appears most frequently when actions and statements are the direct opposite of what is really felt.
- What Goldsmith actually wrote is therefore the direct opposite of what Jenkins claims he wrote.

### Synonyms

**exact**, absolute, complete, [diametrical](#)

[View synonyms](#)

3(Of a person or their behavior) [going straight](#) to the point; [frank](#).

### Example sentences

- He's somewhat direct and straightforward in his approach to business.
- He is an immensely likeable, straightforward and direct person.
- She always liked the way Miss Louise was always direct and straight.
- As a method of communication they are less direct than straightforward statements, but they may often be more effective.
- And he was, is, a very honest, very direct bloke and I had a lot of time for him.
- His flaw was his indispensable virtue: he was direct and candid in telling the unvarnished truth.
- But, at the same time, he is a sincere and direct person, who doesn't fear saying what he thinks.
- They both are very direct men, they both are very honest and sincere men and they both are men who don't mince their words.
- He's very direct, he's a very honest person, he's a very religious person, he means exactly what he says.
- But I also liked how he was direct about the age thing, candid but tactful.
- We sure appreciate you being so direct with us and joining us.
- She's very direct when you ask her about her pet hates.
- He is a bit upset by that, that anybody thought he was wanting to leave just for one half-time where I was more direct with the players than I have been for a few months.
- He is so direct, he practically assaults the modern, spin-accustomed ear.
- He is direct in confronting over-negative perspectives.
- Speak clearly, compellingly, and without reluctance; assert yourself as a direct leader.
- He thinks they're more mature, they're more direct and they're much less dramatic.
- I loved these people - they are so direct, there is no hidden agenda.
- They are more direct than us, in some ways like animals, but also with more elaborate notions of politeness.
- That was one of the many things he liked about her, she was direct and she always got straight to the point.

## Synonyms

[frank](#), [candid](#), [straightforward](#), [honest](#), [open](#), [blunt](#), [plain-spoken](#), [outspoken](#), [forthright](#), [downright](#), no-nonsense, matter-of-fact, not afraid to call a spade a spade  
*informal* [upfront](#)

[View synonyms](#)

3.1(Of evidence or proof) bearing immediately and [unambiguously](#) upon the facts [at issue](#): *there is no direct evidence that [officials](#) accepted [bribes](#)*

More example sentences

- Some findings of primary fact will be the result of direct evidence, whereas others will depend upon inference from direct evidence of such facts.
- As Mrs. Holland has not suffered a cardiac arrest, this evidence has no direct bearing on the issues that were before the Board.
- Some point to the fact there is no direct evidence that Hitler himself gave the order for the final solution.
- This, in fact, is direct evidence supporting the model of amyloids as waterfilled nanotubes.
- In fact there is direct evidence in this case that at least some of the claimants were aware of the resistance in the market place at all material times.
- In fact, no direct evidence linked the trailers to biological production at all.
- The evidence has a direct bearing on future strategies for all transport agencies, public and private.
- The evidence will have a direct bearing on any further investigations into the arms deal.
- These data provide direct evidence confirming earlier hypotheses that the silica pump is weak in Monterey Bay.
- And in every case could it fairly and reasonably make such a finding of fact in the absence of direct evidence from the Investor?
- Despite the lack of direct evidence, certain trends which impinged upon acting can be traced across the period.
- But there is no direct evidence that the fresh air supply opening was in fact blocked in any way on this occasion.
- We saw no direct evidence that such information was being used, but it's certainly out there for the taking.
- Defendants will have to call their informants or provide other direct evidence.
- Late on Friday night, authorities freed three of the protesters, saying there was no direct proof that they were involved in attacks on police.
- It is not a direct proof that the mind is something more than a machine, but a schema of disproof for any particular version of mechanism that may be put forward.
- Where direct proofs are lacking philosophy occupies the important place.
- I do not have direct evidence that allows me to choose between the two possibilities.
- We know Roman coins were found there in times past, but there is no other direct evidence.
- More direct evidence of water on Mars comes from detailed images obtained by Mars Global Surveyor.

[4Perpendicular](#) to a surface; not [oblique](#): *a direct [butt joint](#) between surfaces of steel*

## adverb

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1 With no one or nothing in between: *buy direct and save*

### More example sentences

- If you can't face all that fiddle, follow my example and buy direct from small Dorset company, Thursday Cottage.
- Of course when you live in NZ there are some caveats with buying consumer electronics direct from Japan.
- However tension between the two over the deal led to the company being sold to Enel direct.
- Prior to this date personnel were enlisted direct and not included with figures rendered by military recruiting authorities.
- There's been a lot of talk about manufacturers selling direct to the consumer.
- Several are sold direct to the consumer via the Internet or boating magazines.
- One overriding principle governs farmers' markets everywhere: the producer sells direct to the consumer.
- They opened the scoring after 5 minutes when Kieran Keegan scored direct from a corner.
- Eventually Boys did pull a goal back when Simon Rea scored direct from a corner on 78 minutes.
- We got our first goal against the run of play when Pat Kennedy scored direct from a corner.
- Instead it buys direct from big manufacturers including Walls and Nestle.
- We used to buy so many kettle elements that we bought them direct from the manufacturer in crates of 100.
- Although sales this time last year were buoyant many exporters and finishers used our catalogue to buy direct from farms.
- I don't read Slate at all, but have Dear Prudence delivered direct to my inbox.
- They make it possible for the experts to go direct, without any intermediaries.
- Users of the innovative Wiltshire Wigglybus service can now book their next journey direct from their mobile phone, using the new text booking service.

1.1 By a straight route or without breaking a journey: [Austrian Airlines](#) is flying direct to [Innsbruck](#) again

### verb

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1 Control the operations of; [manage](#) or [govern](#): an economic [elite](#) directed the nation's affairs

### More example sentences

- The organizational literature depicts managers as controlling and directing operations.
- Military planners rely on them to provide command-and-control centres from which operations can be directed.
- Indeed it's trying to throw reporters off by saying the operation was planned and directed by Iraqi police.
- One also recalls many a ministers operating from the police control rooms and directing the anti-minority operations.
- Modernization caused the HBC to be a simpler business to manage, and led to changes in the way it directed and monitored its operations.
- In this role, he manages and directs the Life Skills Support Center, and family advocacy, substance abuse and drug demand reduction programs.
- The PST was set up in September for the specific purpose of monitoring and directing Operation Relax.

- Reason is no less of the nature of man than passion, and is the same in all men, because all men agree in the will to be directed and governed in the way to that which they desire to attain, namely their own good, which is the work of reason.
- In a reversal of a decision made nearly two years ago, Iowa State's new campus dining services will be directed and managed by the residence department.
- Recently she managed and directed the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring program.
- The navy also directed the seaborne logistic operation that sustained the American forces and their allies in Southeast Asia.
- He will be responsible for directing and managing many of the programs and day-to-day operations and activities at NASA.
- States control and direct society, contain nations, and command territories.
- He suggests that we should learn from empire, so when we go into places like Iraq we appoint a modern-day governor-general who directs military and political operations.
- Above all, we need these strategies to be directed by a national government focused constantly on the task, not just whenever a media opportunity arises.
- They form a small mystical elite which directs the community's religious life and guards its 'soul'.
- Behind it all is the even more complicated organisation or organisations which direct and manage Hindu religious nationalism.
- It includes the battlespace management process of planning, directing, coordinating, and controlling forces and operations.
- So when managing and directing the firm's performance, you have to say explicitly that this is part of the strategy and that it's very important.
- The AOC directs airpower for a theater and the NOSC directs Net Operations.

#### Synonyms

[manage](#), [govern](#), [run](#), [administer](#), [control](#), [conduct](#), [handle](#), be in charge/control of, [preside over](#), [lead](#), [head](#), [rule](#), be at the helm of; [supervise](#), [superintend](#), [oversee](#), [regulate](#), orchestrate, coordinate  
*informal* run the show, call the shots, be in the driver's seat

[View synonyms](#)

1.1 [Supervise](#) and control (a movie, play, or other production, or the actors in it).

#### Example sentences

- Along with his nephew, Kit, Kiran has written, produced and directed a short thriller film which has been shot in Hounslow and Richmond.
- In addition to starring, the Academy Award-winning actor is also directing and producing the film - and doing his own singing.
- Usually, this shift is accompanied by a great deal of giddy chatter about finally having control of a vision, particularly when an actor is directing his first film.
- Starring Sean Penn and Nicole Kidman, the film was both directed and executive produced by Pollack, and he even plays an uncredited minor role in it.
- Over the years, he has written novels and screenplays and even produced and directed the critically acclaimed film *The Missionary*.
- I always thought I wouldn't let that happen to any of my actors when I directed the film.
- As well as being a gifted rapper, Marcus is an actor and recently directed the play 'Minority Report' at Manchester's Contact Theatre.
- I don't believe actor Robert Young ever directed a film, possibly feeling that it wasn't something he was suited to.

- That he also directed the film and supervised the CGI backdrop just adds to the remarkable nature of the production.
- The film is appallingly directed, exposing the actors to scenes of baffling embarrassment.
- Two recent films directed by prominent American actors deal with Latin American political intrigue in an odd partnership with dance.
- No, I think actually one of the main things I learned from directing film is that actors should really just shut up.
- Letting famous film directors direct operas has resulted in both smashing successes and dismal failures.
- John also directed the 2001 film *Lucky Girl*, which received two Gemini awards.
- The film, which premiered at Sundance, was directed by first-time feature filmmaker Joshua Marston.
- This was the first time a Sinhala director directed a Tamil language film.
- Redford then went on to direct what would turn out to be one of my all-time favorite movies.
- Roger Avery directs with a flair for despair.
- But the entire feature, directed by newcomer Bennett Miller, deserves praise.
- The first film I saw in this synchronous series was *In the Bedroom*, directed by newcomer Todd Field.

1.2 (usually **be directed**) [Train](#) and [conduct](#) (a group of [musicians](#)).

Example sentences

- The excellent Armonico Consort musicians and singers, directed by Christopher Monks, create a background to which the action unfolds.
- The beautiful choir from St Aiden's N.S. was trained and directed by Vivienne Lee and the organist was her father George Lee.
- Leading the ensemble will be Hugh Smith, senior lecturer in music, who has wide performing and music interest and also directs the St Martin's College Choir and Community Concert Band.
- The conductor is David Brophy, who directed the National Symphony Orchestra at the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics World Games earlier this year.

2 [Aim](#) (something) in a particular direction or at a particular person: *heating ducts to direct warm air to rear-seat passengers* his [smile](#) was directed at Laura

More example sentences

- With a fan at the base of the cabinet, warm air is directed at the dogs inside, gently drying them for 30 minutes after their wash.
- A box fan held open the window, whirring loudly as it directed the warm air from outside inward.
- You need to direct the warm air from the vents against the windows to compensate for this.
- When you flick a switch, cold air from the air conditioning system is directed into it to chill your drink.
- The Kildare keeper saved well and Sexton flung himself through the air but could not direct the ball into the net as the clock ran out on Down's challenge.
- These devices intercept the particles coming from the region between the plasma and the walls, and then neutralize them before directing them into pumping ducts.
- The boy smiled tentatively, directing his gaze in Kyle's direction, and moved to walk past the man.
- The participants had to simultaneously direct two moving points to a given destination.

- I will check this tracker from time to time, to see what sort of strange Google searches direct people here.
- Questions were also directed at the audience comprising students and teachers.
- Several times in the second half he eased himself into scoring positions and directed a header wide.
- Tony Ellis came closest to breaking the deadlock but directed his header wide leaving Emmerson to snatch a priceless win.
- "Have fun, " Emmy told them, however, the comment was directed mainly at Chris.
- She patted Sibyl's dark head then directed her gaze toward the square opening in the wall.
- Chris glanced briefly at the younger man and chuckled, then directed his piercing gray gaze back at me.
- The majority of Sheard's jokes are directed outward, at various hecklers and hangers-on.
- His weak shot was directed straight at the keeper and saved easily.
- The previously flawless Kennedy stepped up and directed the ball wide.
- If the armed forces of a country are defending it against an invading force, then their operations must be directed against the enemy forces quite generally.
- Anger and resentment should be directed at management and governors, not fellow workers.

### Synonyms

**aim at**, target at, address to, intend for, mean for, design for

[View synonyms](#)

2.1 Tell or show (someone) how to [get somewhere](#): *can you direct me to the [railroad](#) station, please?*

More example sentences

- Laurie pinpoints a location and directs Shawn to a scenic overlook.
- A kindly security guard directs us on our way out.
- I usually go down Haylands Way and Polhill Avenue, but it directs me via Kimbolton Road...
- Suddenly it takes pity on me and works, directs me into my destination which is a place I would never have found even if I'd lived next to it.
- He directs us to the site of the former convenience store, where we run in to explain why we're late.
- For a while the route was easy to follow; I just looked for the plethora of brown signs directing me to my next destination, The Waterton Countryside Discovery Centre and the Squire's Cafe.
- Ignore a waymarked gate on the right and follow the track as it winds left, through woodland, and comes to a signpost, directing you right along a pleasing grassy track.
- I imagined directing someone to where I'd just been: 'Get on a train and let yourself go.'
- Now, at this point in time, I'm reaaally tired (driving 640 miles a week does take a toll on you) and Kim was directing me up a hill to get to her home.
- If you bypass that town on the N80, you will observe that all signs directing you to the town say 'Ceatharlach town centre'.
- South-east of Parham, along Collins Road, you'll see the signs directing you to historic Betty's Hope Estate.
- Paramedic Chris Collins said they did not know Scarborough and had to be directed by ambulance controllers to the address in Eastfield, where they arrived at 1.46 am.

### Synonyms

**give directions**, show the way, [guide](#), lead, [conduct](#), accompany, [usher](#), [escort](#)

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2.2 [Address](#) or give [instructions](#) for the [delivery](#) of (a letter or [parcel](#)).

### Example sentences

- Since I am the treasurer and the niece sends the dues checks to this address, she directed a certified letter here for the Empress.
- Secondly, this letter was also not directed to the bar girls.
- A letter directed to Senator Tom Daschle is thought to be the source of the anthrax, but authorities have not ruled out the possibility that other tainted letters are involved.
- I wrote a personal letter directed to him and he would not respond.
- At one point in 2000 the ISP was receiving up to 10 million spams a day - mostly directed to non-existent email addresses.

2.3 Focus or [concentrate](#) (one's attention, efforts, or feelings) on: *we **direct** our anger and [frustration](#) at family*

### More example sentences

- The government is committed to combating social exclusion, and its initial efforts have been directed towards establishing the Universal Bank and forcing normal banks to offer basic bank accounts.
- And that's what everyone's efforts have been directed towards.
- Your efforts are best directed towards the radio station, Clear Channel, and the advertisers.
- Instead of putting the victim first, most effort has been directed towards the offender.
- Much of the company's effort will now be directed towards trying to retain the franchise.
- Let me ask you, what relief efforts are being directed towards preventing this kind of disaster from occurring again?
- Personally, I gave myself a couple of weeks to mourn, and began directing my thoughts towards who he truly was and what he'd shown me.
- She barely heard the music as she proceeded down the aisle of the church; all of her thoughts were directed towards thinking about what she was going to do now.
- Thoughts were directed towards home, but there was also uncertainty about what they might do in Canada and what the government would do for them.
- Her first thought was directed towards the partially open windows on two of her bedroom walls.
- That was a real puzzle to me because as far as I could recall, my effort had always been directed toward accomplishing some goal, or being good, or at least looking good.
- You are slowly falling in love, I chanted in my head, directing all thoughts toward the guy walking slightly ahead of me.
- Now our thoughts are directed toward the road race on Saturday.
- Consequently, significant focus has been directed toward a basic understanding of the underlying mechanisms involved.
- In cognition we direct ourselves towards entities but we can only do this if unconcealment has taken place.
- In the humblest of ways the UTT's mission of 'Education with a global vision' is directed towards the achievement of this noble ideal.
- Her face was intent on the Caddy, and it was with some effort that she directed her attention towards him.
- George Bush has primarily directed his attention to school reform, leaving higher education to look after itself.
- Negatives mainly directed the attention toward other problems such as extrapulmonary infections and noninfectious complications.
- To be fair, the Ombudsman has also directed his attention to two individuals, in particular.

2.4 (**direct something at/to**) [Address](#) a [comment](#) to or [aim](#) a [criticism](#) at: *he directed his [criticism](#) at media [coverage](#) of the [Catholic Church](#)* *I suggest that he direct his remarks to the [council](#)*

More example sentences

- I would like to direct my comments to two Supplementary Order Papers on the Table that relate to Part 1.
- Remember to write as if you are facing the person you are directing your comments to.
- Cllr Brian Stanley joined the debate, directing his comments to Cllr Lodge.
- However, I'm directing my comment to Nancy and the psychologist there.
- I was directing my comment to the Northlands School Division where the graduation rate is extremely low.
- If she is worried about a small group of people holding up progress and costing York taxpayers money, then perhaps she might like to direct her comments to the Lib Dem council, a group set to get very much smaller after 2007.
- These are the people that most of my comments will be directed to.
- 'My patience is running thin,' Vincenzi said while turning to Domi, so that it was unclear who the comment was directed to.
- 'You have made a new start on a difficult journey requiring courage and leadership each day,' Bush said, directing his comments to Abbas.
- 'That little walk he took, opened the wound again,' Hannah said, directing her comment to her parents.
- 'That's alright, I willingly give up my share to any takers,' she said pointedly, directing her comment to Ray-Ray who was acting blissfully ignorant.
- Maria suddenly spoke up, directing her comment to Julia.
- He patted the man roughly on the cheek and took a step back, directing his next comment to the guards.
- He is directing these comments to the ruling elite, assuring it that a Kerry administration would continue the US drive for global hegemony, but would more competently manage the policy's execution.
- The West directed their comments to two audiences: the governments of the Eastern states and those individuals dissenting from prevailing practices in Soviet-bloc states.
- He directed his next comment to Adrian as they moved to get into the truck.
- I wasn't sure who she directed the comment to but I was guessing it was Max.
- He directed the last comment to the man with her trunk.
- It seemed ironic to me that Atkinson should direct his comments to a black player who grew up believing he was mixed race.
- She also rebuked her, telling her this was not a news conference, and ordered her to direct her remarks to the court.

2.5 (**direct something at**) [Target](#) a product [specifically](#) at (someone): *the book is directed at the younger reader*

More example sentences

- 'The key with any advertising is understanding the target that that advertising is directed at,' Wolf said.
- Although individuals' personal information will remain confidential, the database will enable the advertisers to direct their ads at specific geographies and types of customer.
- And surely any campaign which effectively improves the health of people is a good thing, no matter whether it is directed at certain groups or mass targeted.

2.6 *archaic* [Guide](#) or [advise](#) (someone or their judgment) in a course or decision: *the [conscience](#) of the [credulous prince](#) was directed by [saints](#) and [bishops](#)*

3 [with object and infinitive] Give (someone) an official order or [authoritative instruction](#): *the judge directed him to perform [community service](#) [with clause]: he **directed that** no picture from his collection could be sold*

More example sentences

- The men are seeking a court order directing the government to uphold their constitutional rights.
- There were two orders directing them to supply expert reports in support of their claims.
- Five years later, in 1993, the High Court favoured the petition and directed the Government to implement the rule of law.
- The Government has directed the Boundary Committee to carry out a review of the current local government structure in Lancashire, Cheshire and Cumbria and to come up with options for change.
- He expressed regret at the ‘sad loss of life, that cannot be replaced’, and said he had directed the mine management to do everything possible for the affected families.
- On 7 August 96, the court also directed the Punjab government to pay one million rupees as interim compensation to Mrs. Khalra.
- Estrada, for his part, allegedly directed the government's Toll Regulatory Board and the Public Estates Authority to proceed with the acquisition of the land.
- Cllr Durcan then proceeded to tell the Mayor he should have the conviction to direct the Manager to withdraw his remarks.
- Acting on the report, the High Court had directed the Government to take action to clear the green belt area from encroachments.
- The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the State government to give a detailed report on the permissions granted for change of land use in Bangalore city.
- Somehow, a year later, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was directed to conduct economic assessments of the canal.
- He also urged the Government to direct the BDA to call a meeting of farmers to decide on the compensation.
- The president would begin by directing the U.S. Strategic Command to take a thousand warheads off its ICBMs and put them in storage not less than three hundred miles away.
- If it decides to confirm this, the commission can direct the Government to abolish, or alter, the aid.
- However, Speaker Chatterjee refused to do so saying he cannot direct the Government or a Minister to make a statement.
- The Supreme Court has directed the State Governments and Union Territories to abide by the norms.
- The government directed Commonwealth agencies not to provide submissions to the Committee.
- The Supreme Court, on January 15, 2002, directed the Punjab government to complete the canal in a year.
- In July 2004, the government directed BDA to stall the layout process reportedly due to irregularities in tendering.
- Private agencies or NGOs carrying out development projects for the Government shall also be directed to pay compensation amount to the landowners.

Synonyms

[instruct](#), [tell](#), [command](#), [order](#), charge, [require](#)  
literary [bid](#)  
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## Origin

Late Middle English: from [Latin](#) *directus*, past participle of *dirigere*, from *di-* 'distinctly' or *de-* 'down' + *regere* 'put straight'.

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- **rectangle** from late 16th century:

A rectangle is a shape made up of four right angles, and both English and the Latin source of the word use the same image, for rectangle comes from *rectus* 'right, straight' combined with *angulus* 'angle', also found in [angle](#) itself. *Rectus* is the source of a number of words in English including **direct** (Late Middle English) 'in a straight line', **rectify** (Late Middle English) 'put right', **rectitude** (Late Middle English) 'straightness', and **rectum** (mid 16th century) from the Latin *rectum intestinum* 'straight intestine'

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